

Dave Doyle

Dave Doyle has the title of chief geodetic surveyor for NOAA's National Geodetic Survey, but that doesn't begin to tell the story of his contribution to surveying. Perhaps J. Ross Mackay, Kentucky geodetic advisor for NGS says it best: "To many surveyors, Dave Doyle *is* the National Geodetic Survey. He is the face and voice of NGS that has reached the most people and guided them in their understanding and use of the National Spatial Reference System."

Much of Doyle's influence has come through his outreach workshop efforts. Since 1982, he has presented more than workshops, at least one in each state, speaking to an estimated 10,000 surveying and GIS professionals.

Joseph Francis Dracup

Originally hired by the Coast & Geodetic Survey in 1940 as an engineering aid in the Philadelphia Computing Office, Joseph Dracup served the organization that would later become the National Geodetic Survey in a variety of positions until retiring in 1979. Specializing in education and history, he proved instrumental in setting up and conducting a series of workshops co-sponsored by NGS and the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping (ACSM), disseminating NGS geodetic control procedures to surveyors. This program continues to provide technology transfer to an increasing number of users of high-accuracy spatial data.

According to Dave Doyle, who worked with Dracup at NGS, "His personable nature and dedication to making the geodetic networks of the U.S. the best they can be have had a lasting impact on the quality of data used by the entire geospatial community to this day."